

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first paragraph on the first page of the specification, which was added in the April 29, 2009 amendment, with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/FR98/02147, filed October 8, 1998, which claims priority to French Patent Application No. 97/12530, Filed October 8, 1997 [[,]] ~~which is incorporated by reference herein.~~